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4 --8. (Amended) An accounting system including an accounting  
5 center and a terminal device for communicating with the account  
6 center,

7 the terminal device comprising:

8 a first memory for storing accounting point information;

9 a second memory for storing distributed information  
10 distributed from an external source; and

11 a controller for updating the accounting point information  
12 stored in the first memory and for updating attributes of the  
13 distributed information when the distributed information is  
14 stored in the second memory,

15 wherein when the distributed information is stored into the  
16 second memory, the controller decrements the accounting point  
17 information stored in the first memory and updates the attributes  
18 of the distributed information from an unavailable state to an  
19 available state, and

20 the accounting center comprising:

21 accounting means for carrying out an accounting processing  
22 based on the accounting point information transmitted from the  
23 terminal device.

24 --9. (Amended) An accounting system including an accounting  
25 center and a terminal device for communicating with the  
26 accounting center,

the terminal device comprising:

a first memory for storing accounting point information;

a second memory for storing distributed information distributed from an external source;

a first controller for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory and for updating attributes of the distributed information when the distributed information is stored in the second memory; and

a second controller for making a request for purchasing the accounting point information to the accounting center and for updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information executed at the accounting center, and

the accounting center comprising:

accounting means for carrying out an other accounting processing based on the request for purchasing the accounting point information transmitted from the terminal device.--